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YOU'RE FINISHED, SUPERMAN! YOU CAN'T BEAT THE HORDE OF KILLER-SUPERMEN I'M UNLEASHING FROM MY EVIL FACTORY!

WHO ARE THE HAIRIES?
WHY, THEY ARE THE TOP OF THE ICEBERG-- THE PART ONE CAN SEE JUTTING OUT OF THE DEPTH OF THE UNKNOWN! BUT WHAT IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SYMBOLIC ICEBERG?
WHY, FILE 202 OF COURSE!
AND THE SECRET OF THAT, MY FRIENDS, MEANS MORE THAN MERE FRIGHT-- MERE DANGER-- MERE DEATH! BUT DON'T LET THIS STOP YOU! FOLLOW
JIMMY OLSEN
AND HIS PAL SUPERMAN TO THE
EVIL FACTORY!
THEY'RE ACTIVE LITTLE CREATURES, AREN'T THEY? ALIVE AND SPIRITED!
ALSO
TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME-- THE ORIGINAL NEWSBOY LEGION AND THEIR SONS!
PLUS-- The NEW, SPECTACULAR GOLDEN GUARDIAN!
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LIVING REPLICAS OF THEIR FAMOUS COUNTERPARTS! JIMMY OLSENS--THE NEWSBOY LEGION AND TINY TWINS OF SUPERMAN HIMSELF!
THEY ARE OURS, NOW! TO USE AS WE WISH!
BUT FIRST--
--WE SHALL TRANQUILIZE THEM WITH THE Z-RAY--UNTIL A MISSION IS DEVISED FOR THEM!
WE HAVE DONE WELL THUS FAR!
AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR FORCES ON EARTH, WE MUST BE EVER PRECISE WITH OUR RESPONSIBILITIES!
HOW LITTLE EARTHMEN SUSPECT OF OUR PRESENCE HERE!
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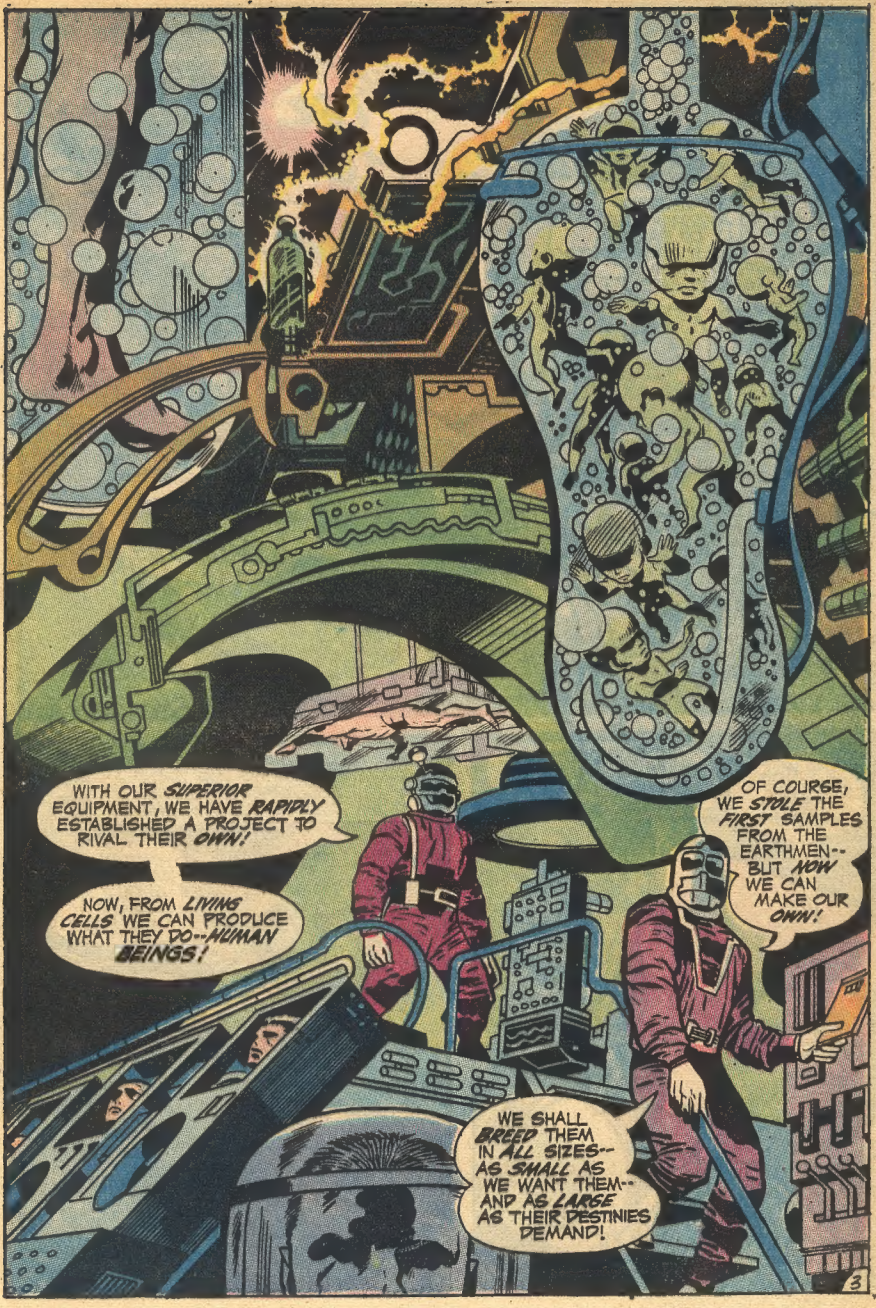
WITH OUR SUPERIOR EQUIPMENT, WE HAVE RAPIDLY ESTABLISHED A PROJECT TO RIVAL THEIR OWN!
NOW, FROM LIVING CELLS WE CAN PRODUCE WHAT THEY DO--HUMAN BEINGS!
OF COURSE, WE STOLE THE FIRST SAMPLES FROM THE EARTHMEN--BUT NOW WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN!
WE SHALL BREED THEM IN ALL SIZES--AS SMALL AS WE WANT THEM--AND AS LARGE AS THEIR DESTINIES DEMAND!
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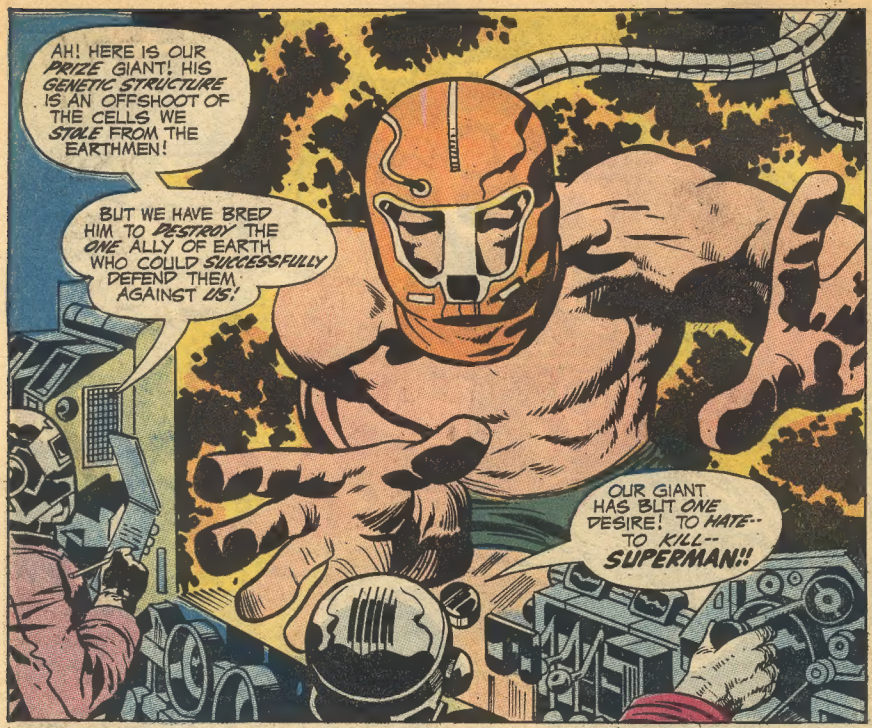
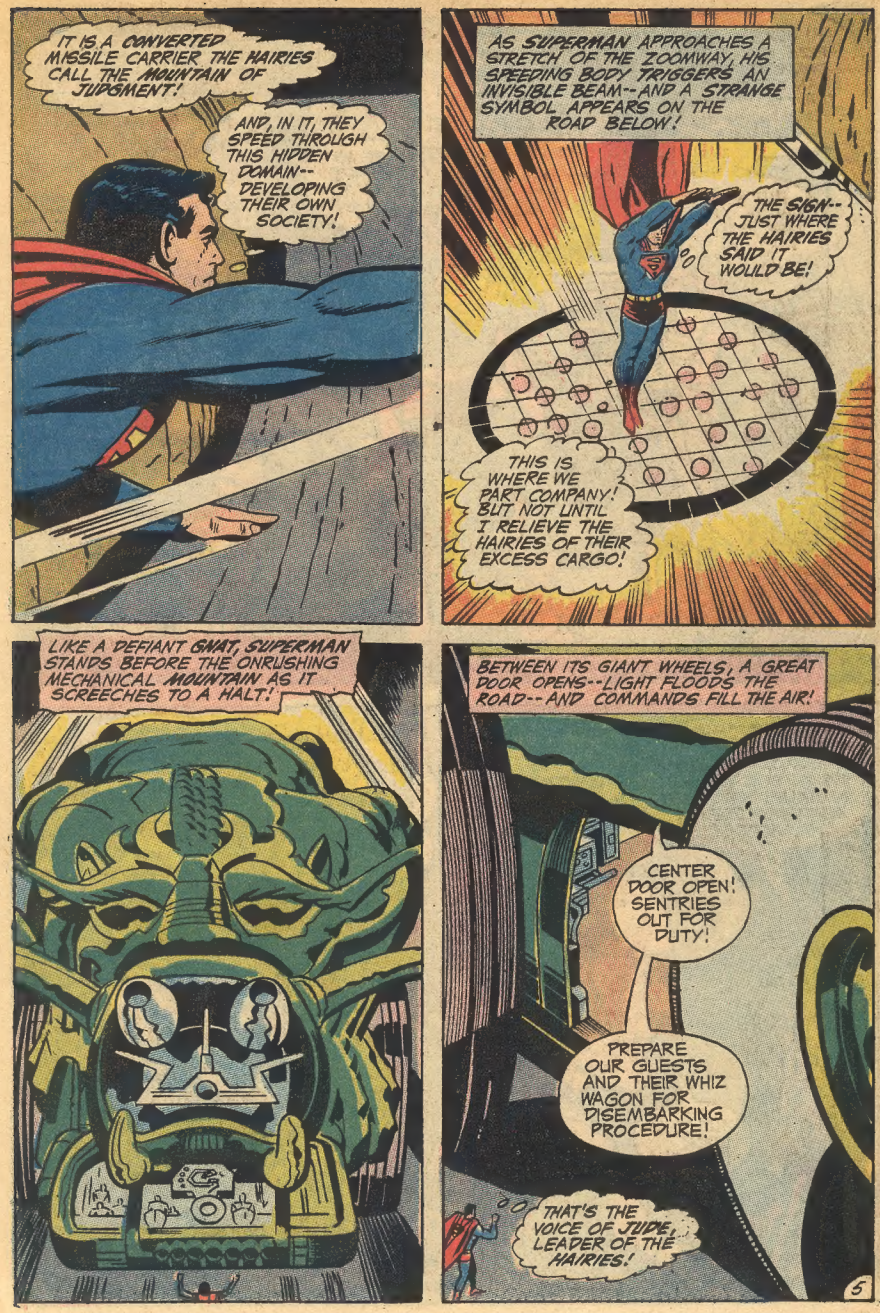

AH! HERE IS OUR PRIZE GIANT! HIS GENETIC STRUCTURE IS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE CELLS WE STOLE FROM THE EARTHMEN!
BUT WE HAVE BRED HIM TO DESTROY THE ONE ALLY OF EARTH WHO COULD SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND THEM AGAINST US!
OUR GIANT HAS BUT ONE DESIRE! TO HATE-- TO KILL-- SUPERMAN!!

HE WILL SOON BE READY, MOKKARI!
HIS EXPLOITS SHALL BRIGHTEN OUR LEADER'S CAUSE, SIMYAN!

MEANWHILE, STREAKING ALONG THE HAZARDOUS TWISTS AND TURNS OF THE LEGENDARY DRAGSTRIP KNOWN ONLY AS THE ZOOMWAY--!
WHAT AN AMAZING VEHICLE THE HAIRIES HAVE BUILT!


IT IS A CONVERTED MISSILE CARRIER THE HAIRIES CALL THE MOUNTAIN OF JUDGMENT!
AND, IN IT, THEY SPEED THROUGH THIS HIDDEN DOMAIN--DEVELOPING THEIR OWN SOCIETY!
AS SUPERMAN APPROACHES A STRETCH OF THE ZOOMWAY, HIS SPEEDING BODY TRIGGERS AN INVISIBLE BEAM--AND A STRANGE SYMBOL APPEARS ON THE ROAD BELOW!
THE SIGN--JUST WHERE THE HAIRIES SAID IT WOULD BE!
THIS IS WHERE WE PART COMPANY! BUT NOT UNTIL I RELIEVE THE HAIRIES OF THEIR EXCESS CARGO!
LIKE A DEFIANT GNAT, SUPERMAN STANDS BEFORE THE ONRUSHING MECHANICAL MOUNTAIN AS IT SCREECHES TO A HALT!
BETWEEN ITS GIANT WHEELS, A GREAT DOOR OPENS--LIGHT FLOODS THE ROAD--AND COMMANDS FILL THE AIR!
CENTER DOOR OPEN! SENTRIES OUT FOR DUTY!
PREPARE OUR GUESTS AND THEIR WHIZ WAGON FOR DISEMBARKING PROCEDURE!
THAT'S THE VOICE OF JUDE, LEADER OF THE HAIRIES!
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IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SUPERMAN! YOU ARE AMONG THE FEW WHO KNOW OF OUR EXISTENCE!
AND AMONG THE FIRST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECRET PROJECT WHICH PRODUCED YOUR KIND, JUDE!
ARE MY FRIENDS READY TO LEAVE?
YES! BUT HURRY! ALL THAT I TOLD YOU PRIVATELY INSIDE OUR VEHICLE IS TRUE! YOU ARE NEEDED AT THE PROJECT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!
BUT, I'LL LOOK INTO IT!
HERE COME YOUR FRIENDS IN THEIR VEHICLE! OUR MAGNETIC DIRECTORS HANDLE IT EASILY!
THE BOYS ARE SPEECHLESS! THEY CAN'T GET OVER YOUR "DO-IT-YOURSELF" TECHNOLOGY!
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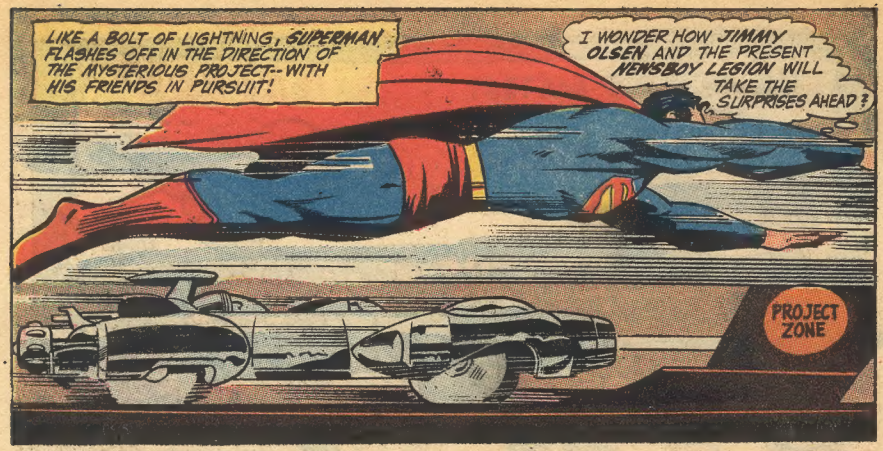
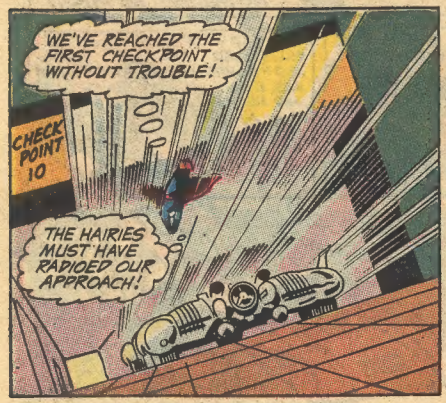
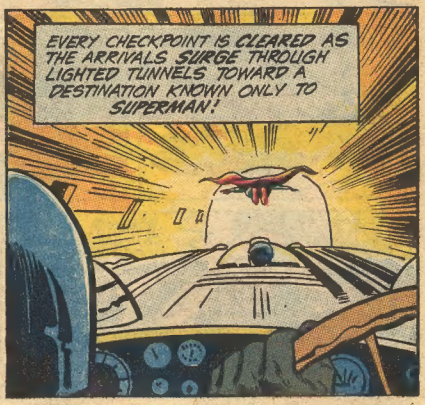

LIKE A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, SUPERMAN FLASHES OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MYSTERIOUS PROJECT--WITH HIS FRIENDS IN PURSUIT!
I WONDER HOW JIMMY OLSEN AND THE PRESENT NEWSBOY LEGION WILL TAKE THE SURPRISES AHEAD?
PROJECT ZONE


WE'VE REACHED THE FIRST CHECKPOINT WITHOUT TROUBLE!
CHECK POINT 10
THE HAIRIES MUST HAVE RADIOED OUR APPROACH!


EVERY CHECKPOINT IS CLEARED AS THE ARRIVALS SURGE THROUGH LIGHTED TUNNELS TOWARD A DESTINATION KNOWN ONLY TO SUPERMAN!

HERE THEY COME!
MULTI-WEAPON GUARDS--TO YOUR POSTS!

ON THE DOUBLE, MEN! THIS PROJECT IS NOW A TROUBLE AREA!
YEAH! PROBLEMS COULD COME FROM FRIEND OR FOE!

SUPERMAN AND HIS YOUNG COMPANIONS ARE CAREFULLY AND GRIMLY SCRUTINIZED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY AS THEY ARE DIRECTED BY THE MILITARY, WHO BETRAY A STRANGE WARINESS IN THEIR COOL BUT CURT MANNER!!
WALK TO THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR AND TURN LEFT TO "CELL DUPLICATION AND REPLICA REFINING SECTION," SUPERMAN!
KEEP ALL SEARCH SYSTEMS CHECKING VISITORS! IF THERE IS ONE NEGATIVE REGISTER-- TAKE THEM INTO CUSTODY!
SO THE TROUBLE IS IN THE REPLICA SECTION! FOLLOW ME, FELLAS!
WOW! THIS PLACE SURE IS UPTIGHT!
ADMITTANCE SECTION 22
IF YOU BOYS READ ABOUT THE "MANHATTAN PROJECT," WHICH PRODUCED THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB, I MUST WARN YOU THAT YOU ARE NOW PART OF SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR!
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EVEN AS THE A-BOMB BEGAN A NEW ERA FOR MAN--THIS PROJECT MAY BEGIN A NEW HISTORY!
VOICE CHECK! THIS IS SUPERMAN!
CHECK POSITIVE! PROCEED!
GOSH! WHAT NEXT?
I'M PSYCHED UP FOR ANYTHING! LET IT HAPPEN!
I'M NOT DAT CRAZY ABOUT DA PLACE!
MAYBE THEY'RE BUILDIN' A NEW TYPE SUBMARINE, MAN!
SUDDENLY THERE IS THE WHIR OF HIDDEN MECHANISMS--AND GREAT STEEL DOORS OPEN!
HERE COMES YOUR FIRST BIG SURPRISE, MY FRIENDS!
AND INDEED IT IS! FOR FACING THE BOYS ARE "ORIGINALS" NOT SEEN BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC SINCE THE "1940'S!" BUT THE NEWSBOY LEGIONNAIRES OF TODAY CALL EACH OF THEM "DAD!"
HI, SCRAPPER!
SURPRISED, TOMMY?
I'LL CLAIM BIG WORDS--IF HE DOESN'T POP HIS EYES!
THE CAT'S EVEN GOT GABBY'S TONGUE!
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MOMENTARILY TAKEN BACK, THE BOYS JOYOUSLY RUSH TO GREET THEIR FATHERS!
I'M HERE, TOO, FLIPPA DIPPA! NOW, TAKE OFF THAT SILLY STUFF!
OKAY, DAD! BUT YA NEVER KNOW--THIS ROOM MAY SPRING A LEAK!
GOSH, DAD! FILL ME IN, WILL YOU?
GET MY COOL "RED BARON" BIT, POPS?
THE "RED BARON" WAS CAMP EVEN IN MY DAY, GABBY!
THIS TOPS IT, SUPERMAN! FIRST, THE PROJECT--NOW THIS! I'M WAITING FOR AN EXPLANATION!
OKAY! WHILE THE OTHERS EXPLAIN IT TO THE BOYS--I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU!
THIS PROJECT IS A VAST UNDERGROUND COMPLEX! THE HAIRIES WERE GROWN AND RAISED HERE!
DID YOU SAY GROWN HERE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
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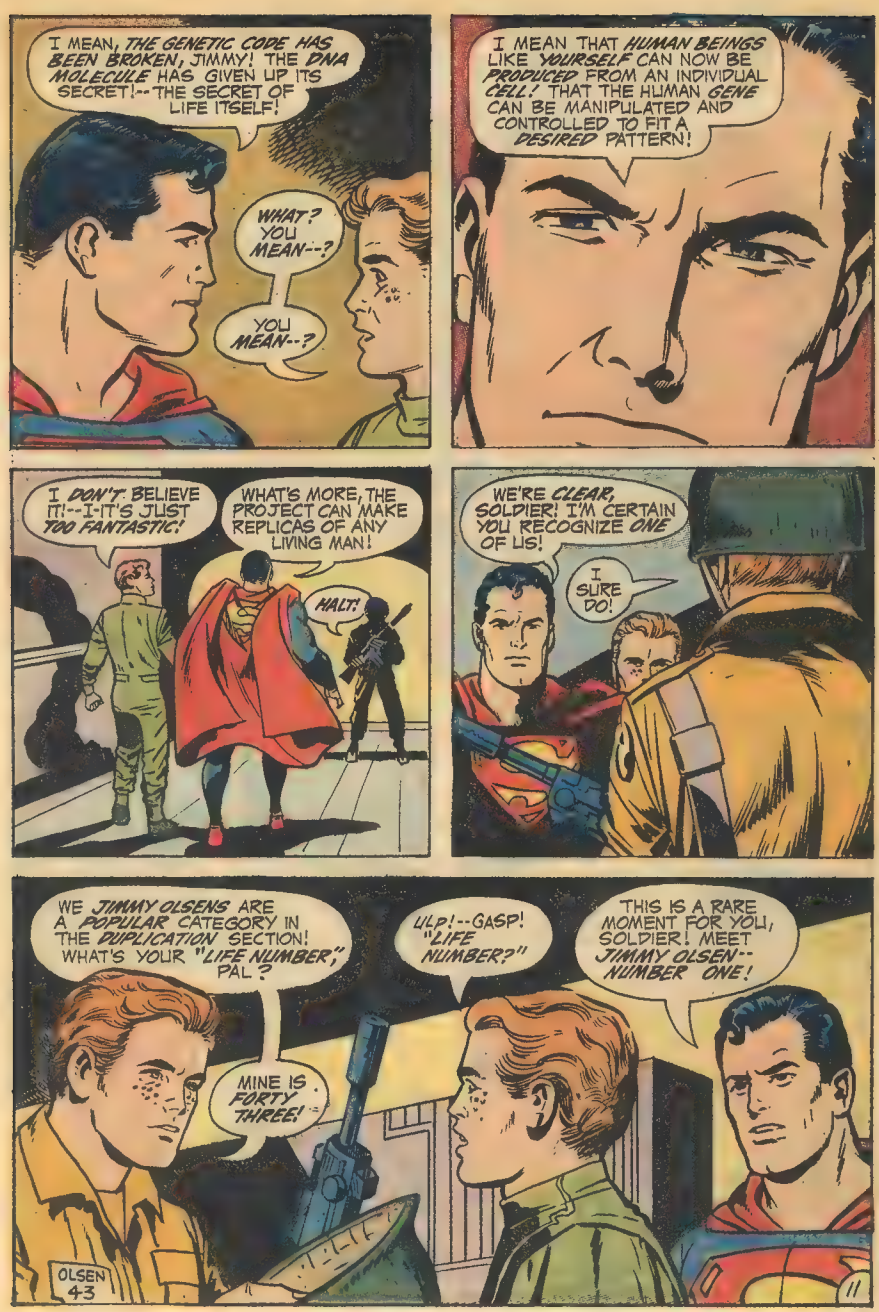
I MEAN, THE GENETIC CODE HAS BEEN BROKEN, JIMMY! THE DNA MOLECULE HAS GIVEN UP ITS SECRET!--THE SECRET OF LIFE ITSELF!
WHAT? YOU MEAN--?
YOU MEAN--?
I MEAN THAT HUMAN BEINGS LIKE YOURSELF CAN NOW BE PRODUCED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL CELL! THAT THE HUMAN GENE CAN BE MANIPULATED AND CONTROLLED TO FIT A DESIRED PATTERN!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!--I-IT'S JUST TOO FANTASTIC!
WHAT'S MORE, THE PROJECT CAN MAKE REPLICAS OF ANY LIVING MAN!
HALT!
WE'RE CLEAR, SOLDIER! I'M CERTAIN YOU RECOGNIZE ONE OF US!
I SURE DO!
WE JIMMY OLSENS ARE A POPULAR CATEGORY IN THE DUPLICATION SECTION! WHAT'S YOUR "LIFE NUMBER," PAL?
MINE IS FORTY THREE!
U/LP!--GASP! "LIFE NUMBER?"
THIS IS A RARE MOMENT FOR YOU, SOLDIER! MEET JIMMY OLSEN--NUMBER ONE!
OLSEN 43

MAN! THAT'S WILD! WHAT'S YOUR JOB, NUMBER ONE?
RIGHT NOW, HE'S DOING A BIT OF INVESTIGATING IN THE MINIATURE REPLICA FILES!
YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT! BE SEEING YOU--ER--PARTY THREE!
BUT HOW WAS IT DONE, SUPERMAN? HOW DID THEY DUPLICATE ME?
FROM A TISSUE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM YOU DURING YOUR LAST MEDICAL EXAMINATION AT THE "DAILY PLANET" DISPENSARY!
IT WAS A SIMPLE, PAINLESS PROCEDURE--CARRIED OUT UPON YOU AND ME--AND THE NEWBORN LEGION!
WHAT YOU BOYS REGARDED AS MEDICAL ROUTINE CREATED AN ABUNDANT CELL POOL FROM WHICH HUNDREDS OF YOUR REPLICAS SPRANG!
USE THE MAGNO-MICROSCOPE, AND FOCUS ON THOSE "DOTS" IN THAT BOX BELOW!
YES, I SEE THEM--THEY LOOK LIKE DUST MOTES--
BUT AS THEY UNDERGO INTENSE ENLARGEMENT--
OH!--GOOD LORD!
YES, THEY'RE REAL, JIMMY! THEY'RE YOU!--AND THEY ARE IN SHOCK! SOME OUTSIDE AGENCY HAS RIFLED OUR REPLICA SECTION!
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AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, LIKE AN EVIL DUPLICATION OF EVENTS AT THE PROJECT, SIMILAR EXPERIMENTS WITH LIFE ARE TAKING PLACE!
AND NOW, MY PRIZE GIANT! I SHALL APPLY THE FINISHING TOUCH TO YOUR FINE PHYSIQUE!
HE'S NERVOUS AND SUSPICIOUS, LIKE A CAGED TIGER!
EASY, MY PET--THE SPRAY FROM THIS NOZZLE WILL HURT SUPERMAN MORE THEN IT WILL YOU--!
SSSSSSSSSSSS
HAH! 'TIS DONE! WHO BUT WE--FROM APOKOLIPS-- COULD HAVE SYNTHESIZED KRYPTONITE--AND CONVERTED IT TO A FINE SPRAY?
OUR GIANT IS COMPLETELY COVERED WITH IT--HE NOW POSSESSES THE POWER TO BATTLE SUPERMAN--AND WIN!
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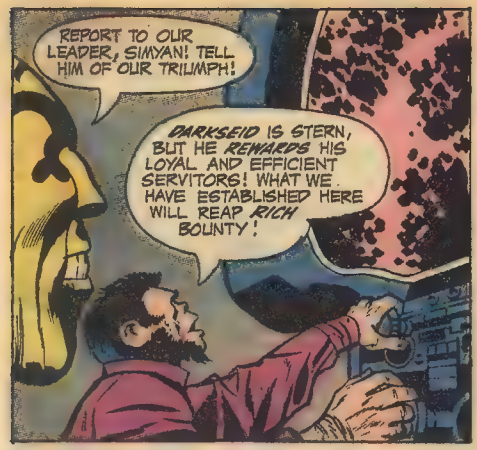
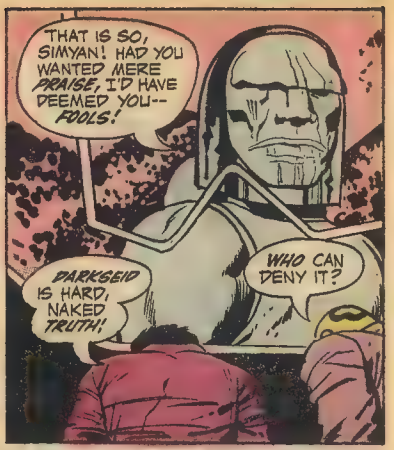
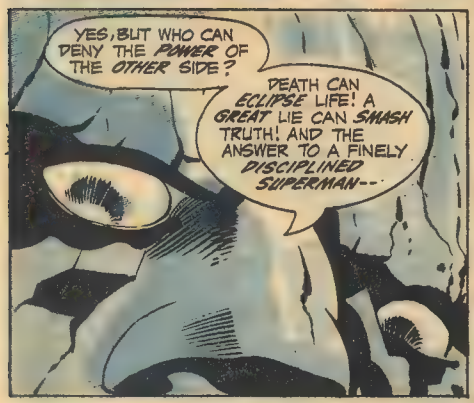
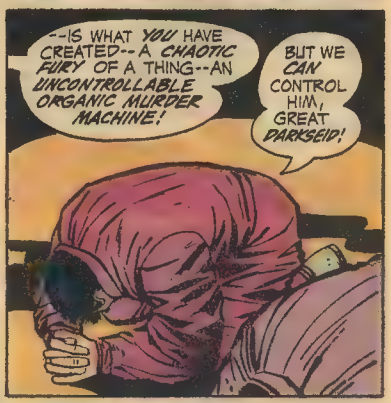

REPORT TO OUR LEADER, SIMYAN! TELL HIM OF OUR TRIUMPH!
DARKSEID IS STERN, BUT HE REWARDS HIS LOYAL AND EFFICIENT SERVITORS! WHAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED HERE WILL REAP RICH BOUNTY!




YES, BUT WHO CAN DENY THE POWER OF THE OTHER SIDE?
DEATH CAN ECLIPSE LIFE! A GREAT LIE CAN SMASH TRUTH! AND THE ANSWER TO A FINELY DISCIPLINED SUPERMAN--


--IS WHAT YOU HAVE CREATED-- A CHAOTIC FURY OF A THING--AN UNCONTROLLABLE ORGANIC MURDER MACHINE!
BUT WE CAN CONTROL HIM, GREAT DARKSEID!

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THE GIANT IS LOOSE! HE IS SMASHING OUR EQUIPMENT AND ATTACKING US!
THE Z-RAY WILL SEDATE HIM!
KILL TO LIVE! KILL! KILL!
THE Z-RAY WOULD AFFECT HIM EVEN LESS THAN IT WOULD SUPERMAN! RUN, MOKKARI!
DARKSEID WAS RIGHT! HE IS AN UNCONTROLLABLE FURY! BUT HOW DO WE KEEP HIM FROM MURDERING US?
STAY BACK! KEEP AWAY!
SIMYAN! WHERE ARE YOU? I'M TRAPPED! DO SOMETHING! HELP ME!
HE IS ABOUT TO STRIKE! DON'T LET HIM KILL ME, SIMYAN!
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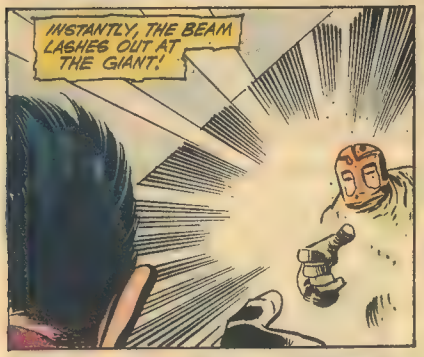
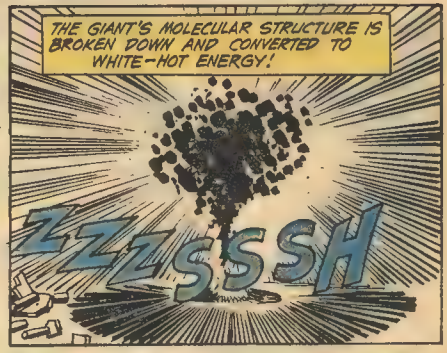
THE PENETRATOR BEAM! THE TOOL WE USED TO INVADE THE EARTH PROJECT--IT WILL SEND HIM THERE THIS TIME!
ACTIVATE IT! AT LEAST WE'LL BE RID OF HIM!


INSTANTLY, THE BEAM LASHES OUT AT THE GIANT!


THE GIANT'S MOLECULAR STRUCTURE IS BROKEN DOWN AND CONVERTED TO WHITE-HOT ENERGY!
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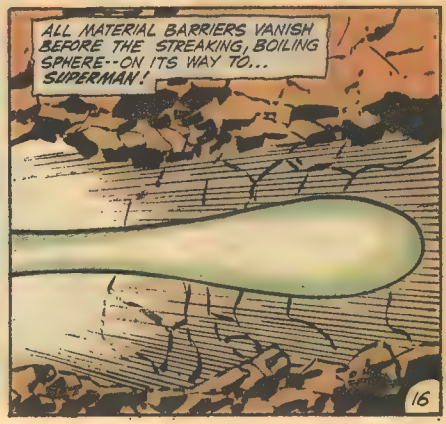
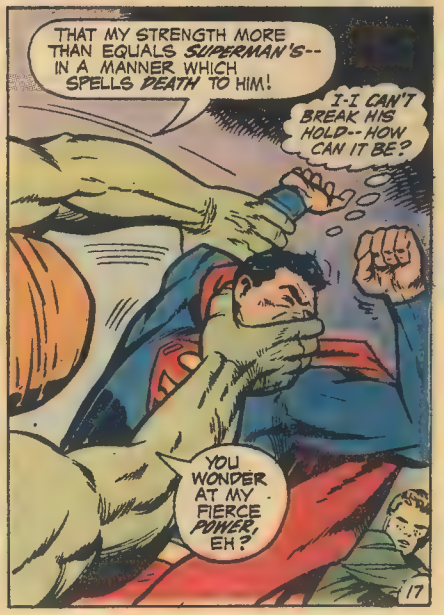
THEN--
HE'S GONE!
YES, HE'S A HURTLING BALL OF ENERGY--ON HIS WAY--THERE!


ALL MATERIAL BARRIERS VANISH BEFORE THE STREAKING, BOILING SPHERE--ON ITS WAY TO... SUPERMAN!

WHEN HE REACHES HIS DESTINATION--THE RAY CUTS OFF--AND THE GIANT BEGINS TO MATERIALIZE!
SUPERMAN! LOOK!
SO, THAT'S HOW OUR SECTION WAS INVADED!

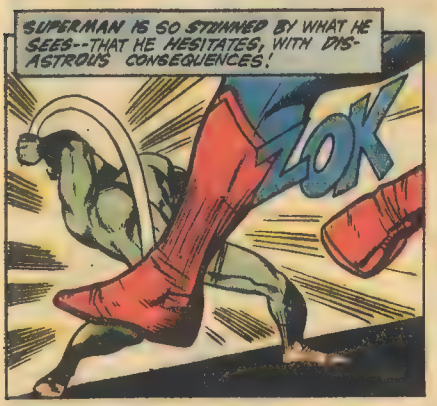
THIS TIME, THE MISSION IS TO KILL! KILL!
HE'S SOME KIND OF GIANT! I CAN'T GET OUT OF HIS WAY!

BUT I'M FAST ENOUGH TO BLOCK HIM IN TIME! TAKE OFF, JIMMY! ALERT THE OTHERS!
TELL THEM ALSO--THAT THEY CANNOT STOP ME--
TELL THEM HOW HE GOT HERE!


THAT MY STRENGTH MORE THAN EQUALS SUPERMAN'S--IN A MANNER WHICH SPELLS DEATH TO HIM!
I-I CAN'T BREAK HIS HOLD--HOW CAN IT BE?
YOU WONDER AT MY FIERCE POWER, EH?

TO STRIKE IS BETTER THAN TO WONDER!
IN THIS CASE!
THAT PUNCH COULD WRECK A BATTLESHIP-- BUT NOT ONE BREP TO WITHSTAND IT!

YOUR HEAD-MASK HAS BEEN DISLODGED! YOU! YOU'RE--


SUPERMAN IS SO STUNNED BY WHAT HE SEES--THAT HE HESITATES, WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES!
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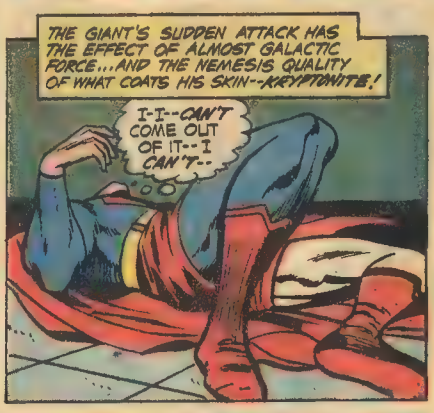
THE GIANT'S SUDDEN ATTACK HAS THE EFFECT OF ALMOST GALACTIC FORCE...AND THE NEMESIS QUALITY OF WHAT COATS HIS SKIN--KRYPTONITE!
I-I--CAN'T COME OUT OF IT-- I CAN'T--

AS FOR THE GIANT, HIS EYES BLAZE WITH LETHAL FIRES IN A MASSIVE, DEMONIC FACE-- IN WHOM EVEN SUPERMAN COULD SEE A JIMMY OLSEN NEVER BEFORE IMAGINED!
DIE, SUPERMAN! MY DESTINY IS TO KILL YOU-- AND DESTROY ALL THAT IS HERE!
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WITH THESE WORDS, ROARING FROM HIS SAVAGE HEART, THE INVADER SMASHES HIS WAY INTO THE OTHER SECTIONS!
HOLY SMOKE! SOMEONE'S BRED A GIANT RENEGADE JIMMY OLSEN!
SSAMMASHH
HE'S TAKING THE PROJECT APART!
AND VIEWING IT ON CLOSED CIRCUIT TV--THE ORIGINAL JIMMY OLSEN SCREAMS IN HORROR!
THE GIANT IS TEARING UP THE PLACE! WHY--H-HE--LOOKS LIKE ME!
AND WHY NOT? WHOEVER IS RUNNING THAT RIVAL LIFE FACTORY USED A STOLEN JIMMY OLSEN CELL FROM WHICH TO DEVELOP THAT!
THAT-- HAS APPARENTLY GOTTEN BY SUPERMAN!
BUT NOT US!
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WE, THE FIRST NEWSBOY LEGION, WERE CALLED HERE TO HELP DO A JOB--I, GABBY, AS A TEACHER!
YES, AND I, THE ORIGINAL "BIG WORDS," AM HERE AS A GENETICIST!
I, SCRAPPER, BECAME A SOCIAL WORKER-- BUT I'M NEEDED HERE, TOO!
AND I, ONCE THE KID THEY CALLED TOMMY, WAS SUMMONED HERE AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR!
LIKE YOU MEN, I CAN'T SAVE THE DAY-- BUT, LIKE YOU, I KNOW WHO MIGHT!
TOMMY-- DO YOU THINK HE'S READY?
I THINK SO!
I'M GLAD WE LEFT THE BOYS WITH FLIPPA DIPPA'S DAD!
THIS HAS BEEN OUR LITTLE SECRET UP TILL NOW--
YOU MEN HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING A REPLICA OF YOUR OWN?
YES! HE WAS ONE OF US--A GOOD FRIEND--A GOOD CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES-- WHO DIED IN A BATTLE WITH THIEVING HOODS RECENTLY! BUT NOT BEFORE I--
DOCTOR! YOU TOOK A LIVING TISSUE SAMPLE FROM THIS WOUNDED MAN?
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SUDDENLY, JIMMY PEERS DEEPLY WITHIN THE DEPTHS OF THE LIFE CHAMBER!
NO!-- HE WAS NO ORDINARY POLICEMAN! I REMEMBER HIS STORY! HE WAS MORE LIKE SUPERMAN HIMSELF!
LET ME OUT! I SENSE TROUBLE!
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE READY TO HANDLE IT?
YES! I AM STRONG! STRONG! LET ME OUT! MY MISSION IS TO DEFEND-- TO PROTECT!
YOU FACE DISASTER! LET ME OUT!
LOOK! HE'S PICKING UP AN OBJECT! IT LOOKS LIKE A SHIELD! I KNOW WHO YOU'VE BEEN DUPLICATING NOW!
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THERE ARE SLIGHT DIFFERENCES--
BUT THE OVER-ALL PRODUCT SEEMS
THE SAME--FEARLESS, POWERFUL,
INTELLIGENT--AND NOW, THE
GOLDEN GUARDIAN!
DON'T MISS
HIS CLASH WITH
THE RENEGADE
REPLICA!
THESE ARE NOT
ORDINARY HUMANS IN
COMBAT!
THIS IS A NEW BREED
SPAWNED BY A NEW CONCEPT!
The DNA LIENS!
The End.

JIMMY OLSEN'S Pen-Pals

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Dear Editor:

Boy, was I shocked and happy to hear of Jack Kirby returning to DC! I was a follower of his work for years, and was deeply hurt at the recent announcement by that company of his leaving.

I sincerely hope that Jack will be on the job permanently and not just for one story. You see, I always believed that Murphy Anderson was the best artist at DC and that Jack Kirby was the best at Marvel. Now I'll be able to see them both at one company.

Tim Matyas, Houston, Pa.

Dear Editor:

I can't believe it! Jack Kirby actually going to do art for DC! Although I like DC mags best of all, I still marveled at Jack's art when he worked for another publishing company. I was disappointed on hearing of Jack's leaving, but now I have my favorite artist doing art on my favorite mag. Will Jack be working with DC for a long period of time? What mags will he be using his wonderful talent on?

Mike Freel, Toronto, Ont., Canada

Jarring Jack will be with us as long as we can keep him happy—and we sure are doing our best in that area! He'll be doing not only JIMMY OLSEN, but such new creations of his as THE FOREVER PEOPLE, THE NEW GODS and MISTER MIRACLE!—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

The cover of the September JIMMY OLSEN was the best in a long time, possible the best since #20.

But the cover was only a preview of the great things inside: more fine Murphy Anderson artwork, two terrific stories, and a good letter page, too! I'm not going to mess up my nice, congratulatory letter by pointing out that the art in "The Winner's Prize . . . The Loser's Grave" was only fair—but I just did!

Keith Griffin, Mobile, Ala.

And what do you think of the Olsen art now that Captain Kirby has taken command in that department?—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

"The Winner's Prize . . . The Loser's Grave" in #132 was a great story. It showed the fact that a world without trust cannot survive in this age of nuclear weapons.

With a little intervention from above, Bors and Jimmy demonstrated that "Love thy neighbor" is a commandment which can be accomplished, because all men are blessed with it if they want it.

Allan G. Latawiec, Wallington, N.J.

True; too bad so many people refuse to give it a try, isn't it?—Ed.

Dear Editor:

JIMMY OLSEN #132 was greeaat! Jimmy was kind of dumb, though, when he said Perry White was Superman. He didn't think that maybe the crooks would test Perry by shooting him or planting a bomb.

Oh, yeah! I saw a TV show which had about the same plot as "The Winner's Prize . . . The Loser's Grave." It was called "The Challenge," and was about an Orbital Bombing Satellite that splashed down and was surrounded by U.S. and Chinese seacraft. Neither country could make a move to recover the satellite because the other would attack. So they evacuated an island and had a private war between two trained soldiers. When both died, the two nations had to figure out something else. The show ended there.

Well, thanks. Be seeing you around!

Wayne Myers, Miami, Fla.

At least our version gave you a different, conclusive ending—and a happy one!—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

In "The Winner's Prize . . . The Loser's Grave," you made a boo-boo. In a few days, an island could not be created and support life. First of all, it takes longer than that for the lava to pile up to form an island. Then it takes time for the lava to harden. After it has become an island, it takes years for the rock or lava to break down into soil, then more time for drifting seeds to get there, plant themselves and grow. And you did in a few days what nature requires decades to accomplish. How far out are you gonna get?

Carolyn Roberts, Spencer, Mass.

Not too far. Volcanic islands have been created in a short space of time, and some vegetation has taken root remarkably soon. But we did stretch things a bit—particularly by putting large plants and animal life on the island.—Ed.

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Dear Editor:

JIMMY OLSEN gets better with every issue, and #132 had two exceptionally good stories. My only objection to "When Olsen Sold Out Superman" was the fan club's characterization. They seemed to be fair-weather friends rather than loyal fans. If they really idolized Jimmy, they would have had confidence in him and listened to his side of the story. But they only came back to his side when Superman exonerated him. Where were they when Jimmy needed moral support? Fans like these he can do without.

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

Maybe that's why Jim switched to the Newsboy Legion. —Ed.

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